(d) what are the reasons for which the cases have been kept pending for such a long time; and

(e) by when a decison for the restoration of their pensions is likely to be taken.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) to (e) 32 persons were sanctioned pension inadvertantly on the basis of their participation in the 21st Central India Horse Mutiny. Pension so sanctioned was suspended on 29-12-1976 on the basis of review which revealed that participation and suffering in this Mutiny was not recognised for the purpose of grant of pension. 17 of them field a writ petition in the Delhi High Court against the decision of the Government. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, in their judgement dated 17-1-1990, directed the Government to communicate to them the reasons for stopping the pension and to give to them a reasonable opportunity of making a representation. The representations received from them were considered in the light of directions of the Court and speaking orders indicating the inability of the Government to grant pension were issued. Two out of the 17 persons, who had filed the writ petition, have filed a Contempt Petition in the Court and the matter is subjudice.

Sex Crime in Delhi and Other Big Cities

1152. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PARMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Sunday Observer, New Delhi of January 9—15, 1994 under the caption, Delhi, sex crime capital of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that sex related crimes have been rising steadily in Delhi;

(c) if so, what is the number of cases relating to eve-teasing, molestation and rape of women reported during each of the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and so far in 1994;

(d) what is the comparative break-up of such cases in major cities, viz. Delhi, Bombay Hyderabad, Madras, Bangalore and Calcutta during the above period year wise; and

(e) What effective steps have so far been taken by the Central Government as well as State Government to prevent such crimes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) According to the information abailable with the National Crime Records Bureau (N.C.R.B.), there has been marginal increase in sex related crimes in Delhi in 1992 as compared to 1991. There was, however, a slight decrease in the sex related crimes in 1993.

(c) and (d) The number of cases of eve-teasing, molestation and rape of women reported in Delhi Bombay, Hyderabad, Madras, Banglore and Calcutta during 1991, 1992, 1993 is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 25.]

(e) Since "police" and "law and order" are State subjects, it is primarily for the State Governments concerned to take action to register, investigate, detect and prevent crimes. In so far as the Union Territory of Delhi is concerned, the steps taken to control sex related crimes include increased patrolling; special drive against eve-teasing; propmt action against culprits; setting up of a Special Unit for Crime Against Women.

News Item Regarding Lawlessness In Assam

1153. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item titled "Army indiots Assam Government for lawlessneess" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 5-2-94;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and what action it propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The press release in reference was issued at the local level without the clearance of the Army Headquarter. Appropriate corrective action has since been taken.

Complaints Against Delhi Police

1154. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of complaints received about the misbehaviour high-handedness etc. of the cops of Delhi with the people of Delhi particularly the womanfolk at police stations during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ;

(c) whether the instances of misbehaviour of the cops are on the rise and the people of Delhi have started losing faith in the police force :

(d) if so, the steps taken by the police to win over the confidence of the people of Delhi:

(e) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Drama over missing file: Police Chief grilled in HC" appearing in the Hindustan Times of 5th February, 1994 ; and

(f) if so, what are the facts thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Police has reported that there were 15 complaints against police officials in 1991, 12 in 1992 and 18 in 1993 of high-handedness, misbehaviour, etc. with the people of Delhi. Of these complaints, the following pertained to misbahaviour with womenfolk :

1991	9
1992	6
1993	5
Total	20

Of the 20 complaints relating to misbehaviour with women, 9 could not be susbtantiated. In the remaining 11 complaints, 15 Police officials were proceeded against and the action taken against them is as under :

1. Removed from sesvice	1 Sub Inspector
2. Approved service forefeited	4 (1 Sub Inspector, 1 ASI, 1 HC, 1 Constable)
3. D.E. initiated	6 (2 Inspectors, 2 Sub Inspectors & 2 Constables)
4. Placed under suspension	1 (1 Constable)
5. Censure/warning awarded	3 (1 Inspector, 1 Sub Inspector, 1 Constable)

(c) The Delhi Police have reported that there has been no increase in instances of misbehaviour of police officials.

(d) The steps taken by the police to win over the confidence of the people of Delhi include:

(i) Reiteration of instructions about conforming to legal provisions.

(ii) Strict instructions to avoid use of third degree methods.

(iii) General instructions about not arresting women between susnset and sunrise.

(iv) Directions to investigating officers to interrogate people only in prominent parts of the Police Station preferably close to the office of the SHO.

(v) Requirement to apprise the person of the reasons for the arrest.

(vi) Stern action against delinquent officials for violation of these instructions.

(vii) A complaint-cum-suggestion box has been placed at all Police Stations where coplainants can put their complaints/suggestions without being asked any question.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Following directions of the Delhi High Court, the Commissioner of Police in Delhi appeared in person in the High